(b) to (d) As per the draft report on Status of water supply waste water generation, collection treatment and disposal in class I cities 1994-95 of the Central Pollution Control Board, out of 299 class I cities in the country only about 150 cities have some sort of sewerage system benefitting about 70% population in these cities. The total waste water generated in these cities is about 15775 mld of which only 3740 mld (24%) is getting treated either through primary or secondary sewage treatment facilities.

It is true that untreated sewage if left into the rivers, causes contamination in the river water. However, water supply and sanitation is a State subject. Hence the responsibility for providing sewerage and sewage treatment facilities in the cities lies with the concerned State Government and local bodies.

However, the National River Conservation Directorate under Ministry of Environment & Forest has stated that under Ganga Action Plan Phase I, 35 sewage treatment plants were envisaged to be set up in the urban centres for intercepting diverting and treating 873 mld of municipal waste water (1985 basis). Out of these, 28 sewage treatment plants, with capacity to treat 683 mld of waste water have been commissioned.

Financing the Urban Local Bodies to Augment Civic Amenities

3644. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a comprehensive plan of action for financing urban local bodies to augment/ upgrade civic amenities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the tentative allocations and targets set under the scheme for the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of the projects received for assistance under the scheme from the States in general and Maharashtra in particular, State-wise;

(d) the details of projects approved/ funds released to the Municipalities in Maharashtra during the last three years, and recently during 1996-97, with locations and the progress achieved thereunder; and

(e) the details of projects awaiting clearance and the action plan for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Urban Development being a State subject, the Government of India have not worked out a comprehensive plan of action for financing of urban local bodies to upgrade civic amenities. It is upto the State Finance Commissions established in various States in pursunce of the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992, to review the finances of urban local bodies and recommend and action plan in connection with upgradation of civic amenities. It is upto the State Governments to implement the State Finance Commission recommendations and utilise the grants made by 10 (Central) Finance Commission for local bodies.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Removal of Encroachments in D.D.A. Colonies

3645. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA did not comply with the orders of Delhi High Court regarding removal of encroachments from Public land in DDA colonies and the Court had to direct the DDA again that it must accomplish the task by 26th March, 1997; and